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DEFINITION OF BUOY GEAR USED IN FEDERAL WATERS OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

NOAA Fisheries emphasizes that buoy gear means fishing gear consisting of a float and one or more weighted lines suspended therefrom, generally long enough to reach the bottom. A hook or hooks (usually 6 to 10) are on the lines near the end. The float and line(s) drift freely and are retrieved periodically to remove catch and rebait hooks. The use of metal rebar attached at the end of the weighted line with additional hooks attached to the rebar, as well as any other device that does not allow the buoy gear to float freely, is prohibited.

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